

#SkillsForLife



January 2020

Dear Parents,

In the past year Scouting has changed, changing the way people view Scouting, changed the look of Scouting, now SCOUTS UK with a new all-inclusive logo.

Hemel Hempstead District is no exception and Hemel Hempstead Explorer Scouts (HHEX) is evolving with a new style of delivery for your Explorer Scouts, based on leader availability and willingness to try an alternative approach to offer an even wider choice of activities.

Snooks ESU – stays on Tuesday but moves to Phasels Wood

Snooks will remain on a Tuesday evening, 8-10pm but, from February half term, will move from Boxmoor to Phasels Wood to take advantage of the opportunities to be outside and the additional space in buildings this can offer.

Noctuum ESU – stays at Phasels Wood but moves to one day a month on a Saturday

With much thought, Dave has decided to take a break from running Wednesday Explorers to allow him to juggle family, career and other Scouting commitments. We have taken this opportunity to transition Noctuum to a different style of Explorer Scouting as part of the wider HHEX programme.

The proposal is a longer session, anywhere between 4-8hrs, on a monthly cycle on a Saturday or Sunday. Still based out of Phasels Wood, this would increase our ability to deliver Scouting "Skills for Life" with a more in depth approach. The core leader team would be made up of existing Explorer leaders – Uni (long term Explorer leader), Neil (canoe & kayak specialist), Sue (kayak & camping specialist) with help from others within leaders within the wider HHEX team and beyond.

Raging Moose ESU – stays as it is

Raging Moose will remain on a Thursday evening, 8-10pm at Leverstock Green with the existing leaders.

Ability to move between units

As always, the Explorers remain a member of HHEX and are free to attend as many sessions as they wish... but please let the leader of the unit you're visiting know you're intending to come to aid planning.

Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) and Young Leader Units

These units remain unchanged and will run sessions according to the current published schedule.

Weekend/extra events for 2020

The leader team have reviewed possible events for 2020 (some old favourites and some new ideas)... having checked our diaries, we'll be offering these out over the coming weeks, with dates, costs and deadlines so you can make an informed choice about what to participate in.

There will also be opportunities for Explorer Scouts to shape the programme of events for 2020 & 2021 too!

Looking forward to an exciting 2020!

The HHEX Leader Team

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